Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Yes, but by Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Has the honourable member taken part in the selection of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors?

President: Honourable member is not entitled to get the information. The responsibility, in regard to these appointments, is with Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the nature of the control that the Inspector-General of Police has in the selection of these police officers?

President: The Inspector-General is not bound to divulge official confidences.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapally, Karthikapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): May I know whether the Inspector-General is the officer in charge of the preliminary recruitment of Inspectors of Police?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: No, Sir, not Inspectors.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: What about Sub-Inspectors?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: In the regular line, Sub-Inspectors have been wiped out; in the Armed Reserve, there are a few.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: What does the honourable member mean by regular and irregular Sub-Inspectors?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: I made mention only of the regular line, the regular police force, and not regular or irregular Inspectors or Sub-Inspectors.

Match Factories

Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of matches consumed in the State for each of the years 1111, 1112 and 1113;

(*b*) how much of it is imported from outside and how much is produced within the State;

(*c*) how many match factories are now working in the State; and

(*d*) whether the production inside the State cannot be made self-sufficient?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: (*a*) Correct information is not available

(*b*) Value of matches imported from outside is given below:

1111—Matches to the value of B. Rs. 2,87,868.
1112—Matches to the value of B. Rs. 2,37,027.
1113—Matches to the value of B. Rs. 1,44,632.

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[Mr. M. P. Joseph.]

Quantity of matches manufactured in the Travancore State is given below :—

	Gross.
1111—	1,08,915
1112—	53,725
1113—	16,225

(*c*) Eleven match factories.

(*d*) The production can be made self-sufficient provided sufficient number of factories are established by enterprising capitalists.

Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar: Is there any organised movement in the State to economise in the matter of consumption of matches?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: Government are not aware of any.

President: The more matches are consumed, the more the money we get.

Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar: Is there any possibility for large-scale smuggling of matches?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: None.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know why the quantity of matches imported, as well as the quantity locally manufactured, has gone down abnormally?

Mr. M P. Joseph: The South Indian Match Factory at Mudikkal closed down in 1111; and it has not been working since then till the current year.

Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar: Why has the import gone down?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: It may possibly be due to fall in consumption.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Sayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Have Government any lien or control over the match factory at Thenmalai?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: I do not think that the Government has any lien on it. Financially we are not losers, because we get a contribution from the Government of India on a population basis as our share, whether we manufacture matches locally or not.

President: Whereas States with a small population are likely to be benefited by establishing match factories, our State with a big population gets one-sixtieth of the amount from the Government of India as grant, so that the question of establishing a factory here is not a very necessary proposition. If on account of the Federation, there is likely to be a change, then we shall have to consider the question.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the average quantity of matches consumed in the State in a year?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: I cannot say now.

Improemvents to Odakulam and Oollukulam inMedalam pakuthi, Vilavankod Taluk.

9. * **Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the public of Medalam pakuthi have petitioned the authorities to improve the Odakulam and Oollukulam bearing survey No. 5716 in Medalam pakuthi, Vilavankod taluk; and

(*b*) if so the dates of those petitions and the action taken on the same?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: Yes.

(*b*) The petition is not dated. The matter is being investigated.

Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen: ഈ പെറിഷനിൽ തീയതിയില്ല എന്നു പറയുന്നു. ഈ പെറിഷൻ ആഫീസിൽ കിട്ടിയ തീയതി എന്നാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: ഫൻസ ഡിസംബർ മാസത്തിലാണ്.

Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen: ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ എന്ന് ആരംഭിച്ചു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലത്തിലാണ്.

Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen: ഫൻസ ഡിസംബറിൽ കിട്ടിയ ഒരു പെറിഷനിൽമേൽ ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ നടത്താൻ കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലംവരെ താമസിക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: അതിനു പല കാരണങ്ങളുമുണ്ട്. ഇതു് ഒരു മൈനർ കേളം മാത്രമാണ്. പഴയ റഗുലേഷൻ അനുസരിച്ചു് ഈ കേളം കൂടികഠിനമെന്നു നന്നാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. എന്നാൽ പുതിയ റഗുലേഷൻ അനുസരിച്ചു് ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള കേളങ്ങളും ഗവണ്മെൻറു നന്നാക്കികൊടുക്കാം എന്നു് വ്യവസ്ഥ ഉണ്ടായതിനുശേഷം മാത്രമേ ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ ആരംഭിച്ചുള്ളൂ. അതാണു കാലതാമസത്തിനു കാരണം.

Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen: ഈ ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ പൂർത്തിയാക്കാൻ എന്തു സമയം വേണ്ടിവരും?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: രണ്ടുമാസംകൊണ്ടു് പൂർത്തിയാകും.

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